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15 August 1961

Honorable James K. Carr
Under Secretary of the Interior
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Jim:

I have checked further on the application of [redacted] and find that the following is the status. On 19 July when we checked with Personnel we were advised that their recruiter in [redacted] had been trying to set up interviews and testing and that [redacted] indicated she wanted to think about it before doing anything definite. Shortly after this our man [redacted] checked with her again and she still indicated that she wanted to delay any further action. It may well be that she would prefer the Department of State to this Agency and this is why she is not proceeding with our testing, etc. Perhaps if her father could let you know that this is the case, we could get State to actively pick it up.

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You will also recall that you expressed concern to me that perhaps [redacted] were getting ahead of us as experts on 'high dams'. Attached is a brief report which I got on this subject. It indicates that we are still in the lead. I will continue to follow it.

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With very best wishes -

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General

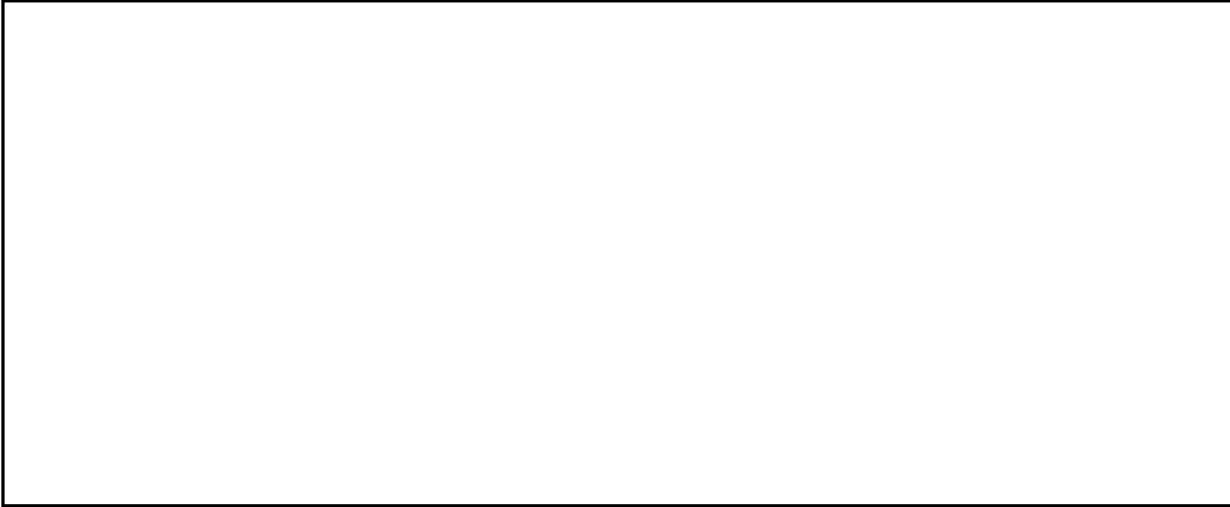
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Economic considerations, international agreements, and competitive bidding make it impractical for the U. S. to build all the high dams now being planned for the Free World. It is safe to say, however, that our record in this field has been and continues to be one which brings the nation great prestige.

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1 August 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Request from the Secretary of the Interior

1. On Friday, 28 July, James Carr, Under Secretary of the Interior, called to ask if we could help them by giving them a report on the present status of the Soviet program for the desalinization of water. He said that they were having difficulty in Congress in obtaining backing for the U. S. program of sufficient magnitude, particularly in the House of Representatives.

25X1 2. I called [redacted] in OSI and related this request, asking that the report be available early in the week of 31 July for transmission to Under Secretary Carr.

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Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General

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